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# ST. LOUIS BOY RELEASED FROM FT. GRANT PRISON.

The Republic Brings About Commutation of Samuel McDonald's Sentence.

NOW ON HIS WAY HOME.

Writes a Letter to His Wife and Baby, Who Are in Distress.

Samuel McDonald, the St. Louis soldier who, on October 6, was tried by a general court-martial at Fort Grant, Ariz., and sentenced to serve five months in the mil-itary prison at Fort Grant, was released a week ago yesterday, and in a few days will arrive in St. Louis, where he will rejoin his wife and 17-months-old child, who have been in destitute circumstances since the date of the incarceration of the husband and father. The charges for which McDon-ald was tried were conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

The release of McDonald was brought about through a publication of his case in The Republic. On the 17th of November an article appeared exclusively in The Re-public giving the full details of the trial and the sentence imposed upon McDonald. The hardships which the wife and child in St. Louis were forced to undergo on this

account were also related.

A St. Louis gentleman who read the article made an investigation and two days later wrote a letter to President McKinley, asking that elemency be extended to McDonald, if it was consistent with the good of the service. A few days letter the St. Donald, if it was consistent with the good of the service. A few days later the St. Louisa received a reply from the President, stating that the matter had been referred to the Secretary of War for consideration. Ten days ago the commanding officer at Fort Grant was communicated with and was asked to intercede for the improvement of the service. A few days ago the commanding officer at Fort Grant was communicated with and was asked to intercede for the improvement of the service. A few days ago and preceived a communication from her husband Friday. McDonald stated that he would start for St. Louis December Li. Since her husband's imprisonment, Mrs. McDonald and her baby have been living at No. 899 South Recailway. McDonald was a private in Troop B. Fifth United States Cavalry. He was tried, confidence at Fort Grant was communicated with and was asked to intercede for the improvement.

Yesterday the St. Louis gentleman re-ceived a communication from Assistant persecution of officers at Fort Grant.



SAMUEL McDONALD

Adjutant General Andrews of the War De partment. In the communication General Andrews stated that the unexecuted part Andrews stated that the unexecuted part of McDonald's sentence had been remitted November 25. A letter was also received yesterday from Major Charles L. Cooper of the Fifth Cavalry, commanding officer at Fort Grant, stating that McDonald had been released and was presumably on his way to St. Louis.

Mrs. McDonald, when seen yesterday, said that she had received a communication from her husband Friday. McDonald stated that he would start for St. Louis December 15.

### COUNT VON WALDERSEE SNUBS GENERAL CHAFFEE

Letter of Complaint Relative to French and Germans Returned Unanswered-American Officer Determined to Stop All Looting.

PECIAL BY CABLEA

France, Dec. 2.—(Copy ight, 1800, by W. R. Hearst.)—General Chaffee has written doubt that this will be the case. The essential features of the agreement already have been outlined in the press dispatches.

BRITISH NOT DECIDED.

The letter was returned unanswered by More friction was caused by Chaffee notifying the Ministers that all persons would be prohibited from passing American guards at the south gate of the palace. Chaffee declares he will stop all

GIVES AMERICA THE CREDIT. St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The Novoe Vrem-ya, in an article evidently inspired, referring to the recent dispatches from Doctor Morrison in Pekin to the London Times, saying that all the credit for securing soft-ened terms is given by the Chinese to the

Russians, remarks: "The credit for the existing entente really belongs to America, England begrudges President McKinley his just prestige because he has emphasized America's friend-

The Russian Journal regards the alterations which America has procured in the peace preliminaries as of the greatest im-

NEXT IMPORTANT STEP. Washington, Dec. 9.—The next important step in the Chinese situation will be the formal presentation to the Chinese plenietentiaries of the agreement arrived at at Pekin for reparation for the Boxer outrages. In just what manner this will be done Mr. Conger has not informed the State Department, although the probability is that the document will be handed to the Chinese by the dean of the Diplomatic

The agreement is simply a statement of the terms upon which the Powers will negotiate with China for final settlement and is laid before the Chinese officials as a matter of form. The negotiations for final settlement will come later after the final settlement will come later after the Chinese have been given a reasonable op-portunity for the consideration of the con-ditions haid down by the Powers. The com-plete agreement deciphered from the code is now in the hands of the President. ditions laid down by the Powers. The comblete agreement deciphered from the code is now in the hands of the President.

Officials decline to make its text public in advance of the receipt of information that it has been formally accepted by the Pow-

message from the Czar Friday night," says

the correspondent of the Times at The

Hague, "It was couched in very friendly

terms, but the fact that its existence has

been kept a close secret is sufficient to in-

dicate its author's intention to abstain

from any active steps friendly to interven-

tion. The Czar naturally pleads his illness
as a sufficient excuse for not interfering.

Mr. Kruger, when cheered by the crowd

on his return from the Cathedral to-day (Sunday), turned and roundly rebuked those near him for such a desecration of the Sab-

PRINCE TO MEET ROBERTS.

London, Dec. 19.—Lord Roberts is expected to arrive in London January 5. He will be met by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and will proceed immediately in triumphai progress to St. Paul's Cathedral, where he will attend a special service of thanksylving.

DUTCH LETTER DISAVOWED.

The Hague, Dec. 2.-Mr. Kruger attended

religious services this morning at the Cu-

**RUSSIA'S DOOR ALSO** 

sential features of the agreement already have been outlined in the press dispatches. BRITISH NOT DECIDED.

Pekin, Dec. 9.—All the foreign envoys ex-cept Sir Edward Mason Satow, the British Minister, have received instructions from their Governments agreeing to the joint note proposed at the last meeting. Another meeting will probably be called for Tuesday next. Should the British Minister have received his instructions to sign the joint note by that time, communication will be immediately opened with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, who are in daily touch with the court by the Chinese telegraph. Prince Ching says Emperor Kwang Su is ready to return as soon as he is assured that the negotiations will allow him to come under conclitions consonant with his dignity and safety.

The removal of General Tung Fu Haslang from the command of the Chinese forces surrounding the court is considered by the foreign envoys to be a very important step, as showing the real desire of the Gevernment to come to terms. His ban-ishment indicates that the court recog-

nizes the expediency of obeying the de-mands of the Powers.

The International Club was opened today, its object being to bring together in a spirit of social harmony the officers and diplomats of the various nations. There was a large company present, and music was discoursed by military bands. It is expected that the club will continue a great success. The building was formerly an

imperial temple. The envoys are considering the question of legation buildings in the future. At present none of the Governments owns its buildings, all the houses being rented. The

her of the States, General Doctor A. van

Naamen van Fomnes, approving his "no-ble purpose" and expressing a hope that the independence of the Dutch Republics would

WAR RUMORS DENIED.

Relations Between Portugal and

Holland Said to Be Amicable.

Washington, Dec. 9.-Reports of possible

war between Portugal and Holland are with-

out foundation according to outcial advices

Viscount de Santa Thyrso, Minister of

Portugal in Washington, has received a reseage from Lisbon stating that there is no question of hostilities between that Gov-

coment and Holland and that the relations

The fact that the Portuguese Minister has

left The Hague and that the Dutch Min-ister has left Lisbon has no significance of a warlike character. The two Ministers

CLOSED AGAINST KRUGER.

Czar Pleads Illness and Can Grant No Audience With the

President of the Transvaal.

London, Dec. 10.-"Mr. Kruger received a 1 Kruger by the President of the First Cham-

be secured.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

received here.

## TWO GOVERNORS MAY FALL OUT OVER REQUISITIONS.

man. He went to the summer home at Elberon, N. J., immediately after the return of Mrs. Pullman and her mother, Mrs. Sanger, from their European tour. The daily sittings, which extended over two

**PULLMAN'S WIDOW MAY WED** 

NEW YORK PORTRAIT PAINTER.

Rumor Current in Chicago Society That She Is Engaged to

Gerard Barry-He Fell in Love With His Model

-Romance Developed at the Ease I.

wife might marry the painter. This ar-rangement proved satisfactory to all par-ties concerned, and as Lady Millals, the former wife of Ruskin became a reigning per floors was remodeled, a sumptuous suite

Colorado's Executive Refuses to Honor Indiana Governor's Requisition Because He Protected Governor Taylor.

Mount to-day received word that Governor requisition from Indiana for the return of Clifton Oxman of Princeton, Ind., accused of defrauding in a real estate deal J. Mayer | Governor Thomas's action, said he was sur-Greene of Chicago.

belle in England.
The case of Mrs. Pullman and Mr. Barry,

however, has been somewhat different

about ten years ago Marshall Fleid em-ployed the artist, who was then not 30 years old, to paint the portrait of his daughter, Ethel Tree. The tortrait showed such fine perception and such admirable

technique that it won the admiration of Mr. Puliman, who gave the artist a num-

Mr. Berry realized that a good portrait

of the Palace Car magnate would do much toward making his reputation, and he spent

a great deal of time upon it. In the weeks that he was at work, Mr. Barry gained the friendship of the entire Pullman family, and since that time he has been a frequent

visitor at Elberon, N. J., and the Thousand Islands where the Pullman summer homes

Love Began at the Easel.

Early last summer Mr. Barry was com-missioned to paint a portrait of Mrs. Poll-

her of sittings.

are situated.

A special from Denver says the Indiana Sheriff had Attorney General Campbell of Colorado inspect the papers, and they were declared legal. Afterwards, it is stated, Governor Thomas had a consultation with Mr. Campbell, and then announced that the pa-pers were not made out in technical form. and this, taken in connection with the attitude of Governor Mount of Indiana in re-fusing to honor Governor Beckham's requistrion for the return to Kentucky of W. S. Taylor and others now living in Indiana, who were wanted in Kentucky, he said, would cause him to refuse the requisition.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—Governor Governor Thomas, it is stated, at the dount to-day received word that Governor same time said that several other Governors Thomas of Colorado had refused to honor a had, he believed, decided to take similar steps regarding Governor Mount. The mat-ter has created considerable comment. Governor Mount, when told to-night of

f rooms, including a bathroom which is a

marvel of luxury and magnificence, being included. This suite of rooms is said to be

Mr. Barry is a resident of New York, tall and handsome. He is a favorite in

monial plans of the couple could be ob-tained in Chicago to-night. Mrs. Pullman

BARRY'S PRIENDS UNIXFORMED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL, New York, Dec. 9.—Mr. Getard Barry, the artist, lives at the Alpine apartment

house in this city, but it was said there to-night that he was not at home. Con-

cerning his reported engagement to Mrs.

Pullman, friends of Mr. Barry had no in-formation. They know only that the artist

was commissioned by the widow of the

Palace Car magnate to execute several paintings and to direct the remodeling of

said to be at Hot Springs, Ark., and r. Barry is supposed to be in the East.

confirmation of the reported matri-

the handsomest in Chicago.

ociety circles.

There may be something political in this matter," said he. "I am surprised that Governor Thomas resorts to any so-called precedent in his action on the requisition, He cites my action in the Kentucky cases as a precedent, which he says he is inclined to follow.

"I consider it no precedent. When I re ecause I did not believe the men could get a fair trial in their own State. Governors acting on such questions. Each stands on

#### ASTOR IN BAD HEALTH.

Former American Snubbed Now by the English Noblemen.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Dec. 9.—(Copyright, 1990, by W. R. Hearst.)—William Waldorf Astor, the former American, who ewns the Pall Mail Gazette, is ill. He has gone to Bath to take the water cure. Mr. Astor has not been heard of very

much lately in London. He has been try-ing to live down his many social "breaks." He has not bad very much luck in his at-tempt to do so, and it cannot be said that he is any more popular now than he was some months ago, when he loudly ordered one of his guests from his house, thereby incurring the displeasure of the Prince of Wales, who forced him to make an apology

dent of the Second Chamber.

The Government of Tae Netherlands has instructed the Dutch Minister in London, Baron van Golstein van Oidenalier, to disavernment all second for the story and neither Government is in any haste to precipitate a conference concerning that were recalled for conferences concerning the cancellation of the exequatur of the Dutch Consul at Lorenzo Marquez. There are two sides to the story, and neither Government is in any haste to precipitate a conference concerning that the unpleasant feeling that was engendered against him then has caused him to suspend all work on his plans to secure a titled husband for

#### GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE.

New York Cotton Brokers Were Offered Report in Advance.

New York, Dec. 9 -A story to the effect that the Government cotton crop report. which will be made public to-morrow, had been offered to certain cotton brokers in this city in advance, received corroboration

Frank B. Guest, head of a cotton commission-house, to-night stated that advance information was offered to him on Saturday. He immediately notified President Samuel T. Hubbard of the Cotton Exchange. The latter asked for a detailed

President Hubbard said to-night that he would go to Washington without delay and place the entire matter before the proper authorities.

### THE ROUGH RIDER: "I'M NO LONGER IN THE FASHION." NOTED ST, LOUIS

Professor August Waidauer, Di rector of Beethoven Conservatory, Was Ill Only One Week.

MUSICIAN DEAD.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The report is current in Chicago, Society that Mrs. George M. Pullman, widow of the palace car magnate, is soon to be married to Gerard Barry, the well-known New York portrait painter.

For some time the engagement of Mrs.

For some time the engagement of Mrs.

Pullman and Mr. Harry has been an open. Professor August Waldauer, director e Beethoven Conservatory of Music, and a musician and composer of national reputa-John's Hospital. He had been ill about : week, suffering from an abscess on his For some time the engagement of Mrs. Pullman and Mr. Barry has been an open before the painter was satisfied with his secret, and the recent visit of Mr. Barry to Chicago, ostensibly for the purpose of outlining a scheme of artistic decoration of the Pullman mansion, has started the story that the wedding will take place before the end of the winter.

Erased, and many canvases were destroyed before the painter was stisfied with his work. Mrs. Pullman is a handsome woman of slender, graceful figure. She has dark hair and eyes, and her features are delicately moulded. When the portrait was finally finished, it was an idealized study of Mrs. Pullman, and the painter had fallen in love back. He was more than 75 years old, and for the last twenty-five years lived with his adopted daughter, Miss Christmann, a No. 363 LaSalle street.

The funeral will take place from the resi dence on LaSalle street at 2 o'clock to morrow afternoon. Interment will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery.
Professor Waldauer had been a sufferer

that the wedding win take place before the cond of the winter.

There is a romance back of the reported engagement which recalls, though it does not parallel, the case of Sir John Miliais and John Ruskin. Miliais, when practically unknown, was engaged by Ruskin to paint a portrait of his beautiful wife. The artist fell in love with his middle and Puskin. This second commission kept Mr. Barry ena portrait of his beautiful wife. The artist fell in love with his subject and Ruskin, taking in the situation at a glance, dissolved his marriage ties in order that his wife might marry the painter. This are for some time, but he did not consider his condition at all dangerous. About a week ago the abscess which was the cause of his decline opened, and immediately he began to sink. At the suggestion of his physician, Doctor Herman Tuholske, he was re moved to St. John's Hospital. His condition continued to grow worse until deat

finally came. Professor Waldauer was a widower. His wife died about four years ago, and he will e buried beside her in Beliefontaine Ceme His only relative in St. Louis with Kahn, a half-brother, who formerly

gart, Germany, and came to this country when he was 17 years old. He was recog nized as a genius in his youth, and he rap idly rose in orchestral positions. He trav-eled for awhile, and for a time lived h New Orleans, performing in the orchest:a f the St. Charles Opera-house. Previous to 1875 he came to St. Louis and

Frevious to Bio he came to St. Louis and held positions as director of orchestras in incal theaters

In Ben de Bar's Opera-house he was for a long time the first violin and director. In 1871 Mr. Waldauer together with Hermann Levitzky founded the Beethoven Conservatory, and in 1874, when the latter several his connection with the conservatory, M. i. Epstein took his place. He has had it since.

Professor Waldauer was in the orchestra of Sir Jules Benedict, which played for Jenny Lind, and for Maggie Mitchell, the actress, he wrote the opern "Fanchon." Professor Waldauer was a pupil of Molique,

### LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

day, fair; not so cold; variable winds For Illinois-Fair Monday and no so cold. Tuesday, fair, with rising temperature; light to fresh northerly

For Arkansas-Fair Monday and Tuesday: north to east winds.

1. St. Louis Boy Released From Fort Grant

Prison. 2. Postmaster General Smith on Rural De

Rabbi Harrison to Remain in St. Louis

Health Threatened by Son's Absence. 3. Sermons and Services at the Churches.

To Utilize Immense Musselshell Banks. Filipinos Retire Before Americans. 4. Wheelmen Too Fast for Shamrocks.

McGraw's Gauntlet to National League Turf Consolidation at Frisco. 5. Alton Prisoner Claims to Have Killed

Fourteen Riders in Six Days' Races. Mosquito Fleet for Philippines. Denmark's Trade Steadily Growing. 6. Editorial.

Wu Fang Says China Needs No Mis sionaries. Senate Squanders Public Money, Brewers Aid Altenheim Bazaar,

7. American Canal Plan Gains New Strength, Morrison Verdict Expected To-Day. New York May Abandon Plans. Barge and Crew Lost in Lake Eric.

Wall Street Expects Higher Rates Republic Want Ads.

9. Republic Want Ads.

News From Washington. Lead and Zine Report.

Movement of Grain, Wall Fell on a Wrecker, May Have Been Noei's Son.

2. Second Ceremony May Be Performed. Had to Hunt for a Preacher.

J. P. Bellenger Goes on Trial To-Day, Another Fight in Observation Ward. Stricken on Day of Wife's Funeral.

## SANTA FE SYSTEM IS SERIOUSLY CRIPPLED.

#### Western Trains Running Behind Time and Traffic Is Light—Striking Operators Remain Firm.

Railroad Officials Take Hopeful View of Situation-Are Bending All Efforts Toward Operating All Lines-O. R. T. Hopes Trainmen Will Go Out.

SUMMARY OF THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Dispatches from many important seinfs on the Santa Fe system indicate that the striking operators on the various fines of the system are remaining firm, and there is

The officials of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, who are conducting the strike. say that within the next forty-eight hours the walk-out of the Santa Fe operators may widen into a general strike and the members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers be judged by those of the Brutherhood of Lecomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway onductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Brotherhood of Railway

The operators' leaders claim that they were guaranteed help by the heads of the other hig railway orders before the general strike of operators on the entire Santa Fe

system was called in support of the strike of the Gulf operators.

The strike leaders claim that Western traffle is seriously crippled and that many

President M. M. Delphin of the O. R. T. declares that the tie-up is almost complete and asserts that, after many days' preparation for the strike, the Santa Fe officials are unable to get as many as a half-dezen telegraphers who are willing to work for

not so many operators are out as is claimed by the O. R. T. They declare that traffic will be resumed in freight and passenger departments to-day as usual and that at all important stations the places vacated by strikers have been or will be filled promptly.

It is impossible to ascertain the number of telegraphers who are out, owing to conflicting statements made by officials of the O. R. T. and of the railroad company,

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.—President M. M. Dolphin of the Order of Railway Teleg-raphers said this evening that he had re-ceived no overtures for a settlement of the strike and had made none. He further said that he is receiving telegrams showing that the new men employed are not remaining in the service, and other encouraging reports. He was asked for an official statement of

e strike and gave the following: The strike situation up to 6 o'clock Sur day evening is very satisfactory to the strikers, and their union. The tie-up is al-most complete. After many days' effort on the part of officials of the Santa Fe they are utterly unable to secure as many as a half-dozen telegraphers who are willing to work for them.

work for them. "This is remarkable, when it is known they have advertised in papers in Chicago. St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans and many other places, offering fancy salaries, transportation, etc., and a great many men have taken advantage of the liberal offers of transportation and are taking free rides from one part of the country to the other and promptly bidding the company added when they reach the point to which they desire to go. There are several idle teleg-raphers in Galveston, Houston, Dalias and other places, but they prefer to remain idle rather than work under the circumstances. Very Few Operators at Work.

The news was heralded far and wide "The news was heralded far and wide Sunday by the officials that a carload of telegraphers were on their way from Chicago and that the places of the strikers would be filled, but when the train reached Texas, where the weather is not so cold as it is in Chicago, it developed that the supposed carload of telegraphers were brickmasons and plumbers, and they laughingly left the train. Several cases of this kind masons and plumbers, and they hughingly themselves in getting the real news of the kind left the train. Several cases of this kind situation along the lines, with the result

division. Another message informs us that the only man working cast of La Junta,

olo., is the superintendent of telegraph at Topeka, Kas. From Chicago to La Junta, Colo., is a ong stretch and heretofore as many as 20) or 300 operators and agents were required for the safe movement of trains and the proper handling of business. Therefore

would seem that the rallway company was seriously handicapped by reason of the Great Danger in Running Trains.

"This being Sunday, the men have a litt quiet, probably taking some much-need-c "It would seem that the attempt to run trains blindly, without the aid of train orders, which are so necessary in the number of trains on a single track road, would be extremely dangerous, both to the company and the traveling public. One smash-up would cost more than the telegrapher's

salary would amount to in ten years.

"The strike, however, is a just one, and will be fought to the bitter end. No settleent will be made until every man is proted and returned to his former posi-

"Telegraphers, when on strike, never reor unlawful disturba ort to violence or unlawful disturbance,
"The following messages were received

to-night from Chicago: "M. M. Dolphin, Galveston, Tex.: Ev-erything out. What is being done to inter-est other organizations? All seem willing to join us, but nothing is decided on. What

are prospects? We were all thrown out tohy. STICKNEY."
Topeka, Kas., Dec. 9.—Considerable dif-

culty attended the operation of the Santa Fe trains to-day. Announcement was made last night by officials that all trains would run on time and that all kinds of freight would be handled in the usual quantities. All trains would be run on time-card sched-

When the train reached Emporia it was confronted with the strike conditions to such an extent that it was held up for some time awaiting orders. None came, and the train the headquarters, have observed the order started. When it reached the first small of their president and quit work. No atstation the uanger signal was out, and it had to stop. The process was repeated at all small stations between Emporta and Topeka. The limited never stops at the small stations under ordinary conditions. The officials were much chagrined to find that their favorite train had lost so much time. No. 2, another California train, due in Topeka at 2:39, did not arrive at all, and the officials of the road go not know exactly where to look for it.

All Trains Late: Travel Very Light. No. 6, from the West, arrived nearly on time. Instead of being a long train of nine coaches, as it usually is, it consisted of only three coaches, and was pulled by two engines. This was done to preclude the possibility of any delay, as it is a matter of the nearly schedule time as possible. It had no clearance at any station.

It had no who have good positions to go on the sympathetic strike. clearance at any station, All trains from the East were from one to

three hours late, the Chicago train being the Travel to-day has been unusually light The Atchison train, which is usually

crowded with passengers on Sunday, had enowded with passengers on Sunday, had enly diffeen people to-day. The people were atraid to travel on account of the possibility of accidents.

The fast mail service was all right this morning, and the road men hope the

same conditions will prevail to-morrow They will not express an opinion, however.

The dispatcher's office here is unable to haul traffic over the cut-off from Argentine to Emporia, and unless better conditions prevail no passenger trains will be run on the cut-off to-morrow.

West of Emporia the train dispatchers can only guess as to the whereabouts of trains. Some talk has been heard of bringing the long-distance telephones into requisi-

The following information is given out by strikers' representatives:
"At 8 o'clock to-night practically all the telegraphers on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe proper are still out. A few men returned to work this morning under the impression that the strike had been called off any were later on induced to join the off and were later on induced to join the strikers. Later in the day they were all out to a man west of Emporia. Not a man will return to work unless their grievances are settled in the fullest possible manner. Some of them have already other prospects of-fered them on other roads and will accept them if the Santa Fe management persists

the wired in to the train dispatcher's office here asking the condition and whether the strike would continue. They were informed that the strike was practically settled, and the only thing for them to do was to return to work. This many of them did, and it began to look something like the strike

"Soon the condition of affairs known to the operators of this city, and they immediately started to make a change in the condition of affairs. They busied

left the train. Several cases of this kind have been reported from different points along the line.

"A telegram from Pueblo informs us that all offices between Pueblo and Denver ore closed. Another from The Needles, Cal., says "Arizona tied up, and only three men working in the Territory." The last advices from that great stretch of country between i.a. Junta, Colo., and Albuquerque, N. M., are to the effect that only one man is at his post.

"This is certainly a most serious blow to "To-night none of the depot operators are working in Topeka. In the general office

the railroad company, as operators are absolutely necessary to the movement of trains through that wild and mountainous and the other is not a member of the or-

"A meeting of operators from Topeka and surrounding points was held here this afternoon. After a thorough discussion of the matter it was meanimously agreed that the situation looked very taight for the

Dispatches received here to-night indicate dissatisfaction among the trainmen in son

At 5 p. m. General Chairman Newman re-ceived the following message from R. N. Long of Denver:
"Everything solid. Understand the west

end trainmen are out. Trainmen on the Gulf Division have given the officials until 9 a.m., on Monday to settle." A dispatch from Galveston says: "Gulf men are standing firm and everysthing is encouraging."

Chairman Newman wires from Wichitz

that Santa Fe trainmen west of Wichita are threatening to go out unless the strike ORANGE GROWERS ALARMED. San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 2.—As a result of the strike of the telegraph operators, 325 men in this city have been thrown out of work. In the large machine shops of the Santa Fe company, an order was post-

ed, saying: "The shops will be closed until further notice."

The strike has caused consternation among orange growers and shippers of this city as, if the strike is continued, it will

undoubtedly result in a heavy loss to the orange dealers An average of 190 cars of oranges is being shipped from this vicinity daily. Thousands

of boxes of fruit have been picked and are ready to be shipped and nearly the entire crop is ready for shipment. There are more than 500 carloads of oranges billed for this city to the East and if the strike assumes the proportions which threaten the oranges will probably be sidetracked. Too Santa Fe Company is making a su-

The troubles commenced this morning when the California limited train, No. 4, came in from the West four hours late. pressed into service and yard men and trainmen are working overting All the operators on the Southern Califor-

tempt is made to fill the positions left va-

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.-The local train ispatcher of the Santa Fe road announces that all trains were on time and that the strike would in no way interfere with traf-He declared that in all less than sixty

operators had gone out west of Albuquerque and Mojave, six of the San Joaquin Vailey division and five or six only of the Southern California division.

In this city only four operators quit work. The strikers' places have been filled in every instance, according to the dis-patcher's statement. There is great reluctance on the part of members of the order TRAINS TIED UP IN NEW MEXICO.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 2.—A special to the News from Albuquerque, N. M., says: The strike of the Santa Fe operators in beginning to be feit here. Passenger trains

thedral, and the congregation sung the Boer authem as he withgrew. After the service conferred with Doctor Giechman, Presivow, in the name of the Government, all ernment is in any haste to precipitate a on his plans responsibility for the letter addressed to Mr. diplomatic crisis over the matter.